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SIR:

In response to the election requirement dated November 20, 2007, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group IV, Claims 20-27 and 36, for further examination on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

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